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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please consider the following remarks in favor of the allowance of pending claims 1-20. Please also consider the new abstract, which is set forth below. The submission of this communication is considered timely based on the enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the enclosed Petition fee of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1).

## In the Specification

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